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**CITY OF HARTFORD TO OFFER DISCOUNT PARKING
TO OWNERS OF ENERGY EFFICIENT VEHICLES**

(July 14, 2005)--- Mayor Eddie Perez and the Hartford Parking Authority are pleased to announce a 50 percent discount for monthly parking patrons at three Downtown Hartford garages. If the owner can demonstrate that they drive a vehicle that gets at least 30 miles per gallon both city and highway, they would qualify for this reduced rate at the Morgan Street, Church Street, and MAT garages.

Mayor Perez says, "This six month pilot program is economical in these days of historically high gasoline prices. It is also environmentally friendly and it would encourage more people to drive energy efficient vehicles."

David Carson, Chairman of the Hartford Parking Authority, says, "As long as the EPA sticker reads 30mpg both city and highway, it qualifies for this pilot program, which would begin on September 1st."

According to the HPA, there are approximately 3500 monthly patrons at the three garages. How many people qualify will be determined as people register for the program. The total cost of the program will be assessed at the end of six months.